

Advisory Commission on Sentencing

FY 2002 Proposed Operating Budget

\$637,399

FY 2002 Proposed Capital Budget

\$0

The Advisory Commission on Sentencing has a vital mission in the area of criminal sentencing policy: to establish basic safety through sentencing policy recommendations to the Council that are fair and consistent, make judicious use of resources, and promote the incapacitation of violent or habitual offenders.

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Budget Summary

The proposed FY 2002 operating budget for the Advisory Commission on Sentencing from all funding sources is \$637,399, a decrease of \$95,932, or 13.1 percent, from the FY 2001 approved budget (table FZ0-1). All funding comes from local sources. There are 6 full-time equivalents (FTEs) supported by this budget (table FZ0-2).

Strategic Issue

For 2002, the Advisory Commission on Sentencing is committed to increasing community participation in formulating sentencing policies and implementing corrections-related initiatives.

FY 2002 Initiative

The commission's primary activity for FY 2002 is to monitor closely the implementation of the new determinate sentencing system that went into effect August 5, 2000.

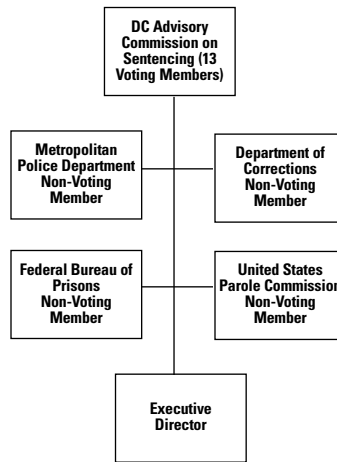
Agency Background

In 1998, the Advisory Commission on Sentencing Establishment Act created the District of Columbia Advisory Commission on Sentencing to advise the District Council on issues relating to sentences imposed for felonies committed within the District. The Commission is an independent body that reports to the District of Columbia Council and is required to submit an annual report to the Council every year.

Of the 17 commission members, 13 are voting members, all of whom are appointed. The Mayor, U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, D.C. Corporation Counsel, Public Defender Service, and Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency each appoint one member. The District Council names two members, while the Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Superior Court appoints six. The four nonvoting members represent related agencies: the Federal Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Parole Commission, Metropolitan Police Department, and Department of Corrections.

Figure FZ0-1

Advisory Commission on Sentencing



In response to recommendations by the commission, the District Council enacted the Sentencing Reform Amendment Act of 2000, establishing a unitary sentencing system for felonies and misdemeanors committed within the District.

Programs

The commission's principal duties are to review and analyze sentencing data and to make recommendations to the Council for the establishment of a fair and rational sentencing system that is responsive to Title XI, Subtitle C, Chapter 2 of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997.

Figure FZ0-1 is the organizational chart of the commission.

Funding Summary

The proposed FY 2002 operating budget represents a net decrease of \$95,932, or 13.1 percent, from the FY 2001 approved budget. All funding is from local sources. The change reflects a \$198,396 reduction in personal services and an increase of \$102,464 in nonpersonal services. There are 6 FTEs funded by local sources, the same level as in FY 2001.

The decrease in personal services aligns the agency's budget with authorized staffing levels.

The change in nonpersonal services comprises a net increase of \$11,464 in supplies and equipment, a \$65,000 increase in utilities, a \$32,000 increase in other services and charges, and a \$6,000 decrease in contractual services. Refer to the FY 2002 Operating Appendices (bound separately) for details.

Trend Data

Table FZ0-3 and figure FZ0-2 show expenditure and employment histories for actual FY 1998–Proposed FY 2002.

Agency Goals and Performance Measures

Goal 1. Report on sentences imposed under the indeterminate sentencing system for the period 1996–2000.

City-wide Strategic Priority Area: Enhancing unity of purpose and democracy

Manager: Dr. Kim Hunt, Executive Director

Supervisor: Dr. Kim Hunt, Executive Director

Table FZ0-1

FY 2002 Proposed Operating Budget, by Comptroller Source Group

(dollars in thousands)

D.C. Advisory Commission on Sentencing

	Actual FY 2000	Approved FY 2001	Proposed FY 2002	Change from FY 2001
Regular Pay - Cont. Full Time	0	440	297	-143
Additional Gross Pay	0	1	5	4
Fringe Benefits	0	110	51	-59
<i>Subtotal Personal Services (PS)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>551</i>	<i>353</i>	<i>-198</i>
Supplies and Materials	0	3	15	12
Utilities	0	58	123	65
Other Services and Charges	0	18	50	32
Contractual Services	0	86	80	-6
Subsidies and Transfers	100	0	0	0
Equipment and Equipment Rental	0	17	16	-1
<i>Subtotal Nonpersonal Services (NPS)</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>182</i>	<i>284</i>	<i>102</i>
Total Proposed Operating Budget	100	733	637	-96

Table FZ0-2

FY 2002 Full-Time Equivalent Employment LevelsD.C. Advisory Commission on Sentencing

	Actual FY 2000	Approved FY 2001	Proposed FY 2002	Change from FY 2001
Continuing full-time	0	6	6	0
Total FTEs	0	6	6	0

Performance Measure 1.1: Percentage of felony sentencing tables distributed to all judges, active criminal attorneys, and interested individuals, to clarify the District's past sentencing practice

	Fiscal Year				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Target	NA	NA	95	100	100
Actual	NA	NA	—	—	—

Goal 2. Collect data from the Superior Court of the District of Columbia on the length of and reasons for each sentence imposed for crimes committed on or after August 5, 2000.

City-wide Strategic Priority Areas: Making government work; Enhancing unity of purpose and democracy

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Supervisor: Dr. Kim Hunt, Executive Director

Table FZ0-3

FY 2002 FZ0 Proposed Operating Budget, by Revenue Type

(dollars in thousands)

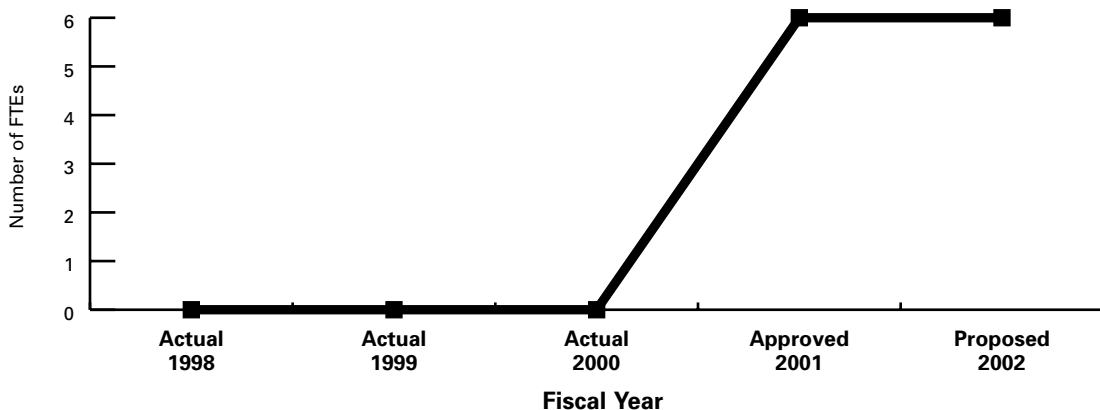
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	Actual FY 1998	Actual FY 1999	Actual FY 2000	Approved FY 2001	Proposed FY 2002
Local	0	0	100	733	637
Gross Funds	0	0	100	733	637

Figure FZ0-2

Sentencing Commission Employment Levels, FY 1998–Proposed FY 2002

(gross FTEs)

**Performance Measure 2.1: Stratified sample size of supplemental cases collected with CSOSA and Superior Court**

	Fiscal Year				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Target	NA	NA	400	1,200	2,000
Actual	NA	NA	–	–	–

Goal 3. Within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year, submit to the Council an annual report detailing actions taken to date.

City-wide Strategic Priority Areas: Making government work; Enhancing unity of purpose and democracy

Manager: Dr. Kim Hunt, Executive Director

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Performance Measure 3.1: Number of annual reports submitted on time to the Council

	Fiscal Year				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Target	NA	NA	1	1	1
Actual	NA	NA	–	–	–

Note: Report requirement began November 2000.

Performance Measure 3.2: Percentage of requests for copies of the annual report fulfilled, either through the commission's Web site or by mailing hard copies

	Fiscal Year				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Target	NA	NA	100	100	100
Actual	NA	NA	–	–	–

Goal 4. Project the impact, if any, on the number of incarcerated offenders and offenders on supervised release if commission recommendations are implemented.

City-wide Strategic Priority Area: Strengthening children, youth, families, and individuals

Manager: Dr. Kim Hunt, Executive Director

Supervisor: Dr. Kim Hunt, Executive Director

Performance Measure 4.1: Number of projection models developed in preparation for fiscal year recommendations

	Fiscal Year				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Target	NA	NA	1	1	1
Actual	NA	NA	–	–	–

Performance Measure 4.2: Percentage of all recommendations accompanied by estimated population changes (if appropriate)

	Fiscal Year				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Target	NA	NA	NA	100	100
Actual	NA	NA	–	–	–

Note: Measure begins in FY 2002.